(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that sufficient number of family courts are set up throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPTT. AND DEPTT. OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Family Courts have been set up in 11 States and one Union Territory viz. Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Orissa, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. The States of Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat, Tripura, NCT of Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have agreed to the setting up of Family Courts. The State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Chandigarh have expressed their inability to set up family Courts for various reasons like a City or Town not having one million population, adequacy of existing customary laws/institutions operating in their areas and also because the number of cases arising out of matrimonial disputes are being expeditiously disposed of. The matter is receiving attention in the State of Punjab.

Outstanding overdue of Loans

*186. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outstanding overdue of loans of all the nationalised banks and other financial institutions exceed more than 17 thousand crores; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in the matter to recover the loans?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total outstanding overdue of loans (Non Performing Advances) of the 18 nationalised sector banks and financial institutions as at the end of 31.3. 96 as reported by Reserve Bank of India, is given below:

	(Rs. in crores)
Nationalised Banks	25302.26
Financial institutions (excluding loans guaranteed by the Government/ECGC)	10815,00

(b) Government and Reserve Bank of India have been impressing upon the banks the need to strengthen their Credit Appraisal Machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Banks have also been advised to set up Rcovery Cells at their Head Offices. Branch wise target are fixed by the banks for recovery of Non Performing Advances (NPA) and the performance of the branch in recovery is to be monitored at Head Office level on monthly basis by the Chief Executives. The Board of Directors is also kept informed about the progress in recovery of quarterly intervals. In the targets of recovery, reduction of NPAs are fixed by RBI for individual nationalised banks after due deliberations with banks' top management. These are monitored by RBI through periodic meetings with top management of banks.

Proposal to Implement the recommendations of Goswami Committee on Electoral Reforms

*187. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations of Goswami Committee on Electoral Reforms; and

(b) if so, which particular recommendation Government propose to implement and within what time frame?